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EXPANSION PROGRAMME OF BIO TECH DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agriculture Bio-Technology and Pharmacy Bio-tech companies functioning in the country at present;

(b) the number of such companies conducting commercial research on agriculture; and

(c) the likely expansion programme of bio-tech drugs in the country ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

a) At present, several companies are actively working in the areas of Agriculture Biotechnology and Bio-pharmaceuticals. Most of Agri-biotech companies are in the business of developing on transgenic crops specially Bt. cotton and very few are in the business of bio-fertilizers, bio-pesticides. A sizable number of pharma biotech companies are in the process of developing r-DNA Pharmaceuticals & vaccines.

b) At present, as per the information available, there are 35 agri-biotech companies and 31 pharma biotech companies conducting commercial research.

c) More and more pharma biotech companies are diversifying from production of already approved and marketed products abroad to production of new products and formulations.